

# Maritime School's ship is coming in

Schooner Ernestina  
docks in Duxbury  
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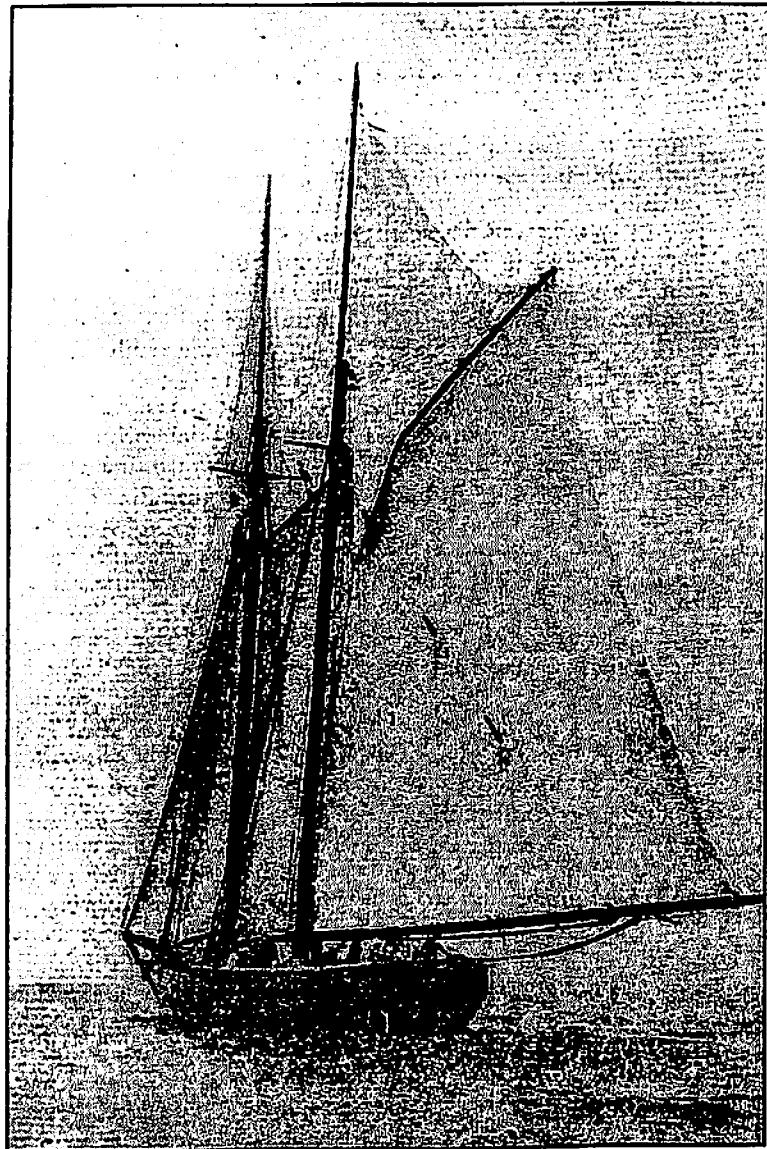
For a second year in a row the Duxbury Bay Maritime School is bringing a tall ship to the area. Last year through DBMS, the Tall Ship Rose sailed into Duxbury Bay. Next weekend the schooner Ernestina is slated to dock in Duxbury and will be open to the public.

The Ernestina will arrive on Friday, May 14, and depart on Sunday, May 16. But it may not be smooth sailing for this tall ship. According to DBMS board member Kim Cully and Duxbury Harbormaster Don Beers, the tides are not as favorable for her arrival as they were for the Tall Ship Rose last spring. The tide will be high mid-morning, but the Ernestina is not expected until late morning.

"Ernestina is 156 feet," said Cully, "so it's smaller than the Rose. The ship is also 80-90 tons compared to 300, but it draws the same amount of water (13 feet), so we'll need the Harbormaster's help again getting it into the bay."

What she lacks in size compared to the Rose, the Ernestina more than makes up for in years. Built in 1884, the Ernestina is nearly a century older than the Rose and carries on board quite a resume.

Designed by George McClain and built at the James and Tarr Yard in Essex, Massachusetts, the Ernestina was originally launched under the name Effie M.



Morrissey. She served first as a fishing schooner in Gloucester before heading for the Arctic in the 1920's as an exploration vessel with Captain Robert Bartlett at the helm. During World War II the ship was used for transporting supplies to the U.S. Navy and Army Air Corps in the Arctic.

A few years after the war, the

ship was purchased by new owners who planned to use her for inter-island trade in the Cook Islands and Polynesia, but was sold again a year later to Henrique Mendes. Mendes, who renamed the ship Ernestina after his daughter used her for trade between the Cape Verde islands and Rhode Island. The ship was

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